

### REMARKS

Claims 15-17 have been amended to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. section 1.121(c)(1)(I) and now specify how many times each of the claims has been amended.

Claim 1 has been cancelled by the Amendment filed February 5, 2001. Claim 27, which is a rewritten claim 1, has been added by the same Amendment. It has been amended by adding the corresponding sequence identification numbers by the Amendment filed August 20, 2001. Therefore, claim 27 is not included in the Exhibit A thus it was correctly presented in the Amendment filed August 20, 2001.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants have amended the claims to put them in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Therefore, passage of pending claims to issue is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the U.S. Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this sequence listing to our Deposit Account No. 03-1952. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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**EXHIBIT A. - VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****Claim 15 has been amended as follows:**

15. [Amended](Thrice amended) The peptide of claim 27 wherein comprises RIALRYRLAIR (SEE ID NO:40), YRLAIRRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36), RIALRYRILLRY (SEQ ID NO:41) or YRLLIRYRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:42).

**Claim 16 has been amended as follows:**

16. [Amended](Thrice amended) The peptide of claim 27 which is YRLAIRLNERRENRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:26) or YRLAIRLNERYRLAIRLNER (SEQ ID NO:31).

**Claim 17 has been amended as follows:**

17. [Amended](Thrice amended) The peptide of claim 27 which is YRLAIRRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36).